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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC WORK ON LINK BETWEEN PHASES

REF: A) MBFR VIENNA 199;

B) USNATO 4273; C) USNATO 2639; D) USNATO 3791; E) STATE 110820

1. SPC WILL SOON RETURN TO LINK BETWEEN PHASES, IN RESPONSE TO AHG REQUEST FOR NEW GUIDANCE (REF A, PARA 3). AUGUST 5 SPC DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT SPC MEMBERS LACKED INSTRUCTIONS (REF B, PARA 2B). MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE, PRIOR TO NEXT SPC DISCUSSION OF LINK (PROBABLY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS), INDICATION OF CURRENT WASHINGTON VIEWS.

2. AHG REQUEST FOR NEW GUIDANCE ON LINKAGE CONCERNED:

1) FIXED PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE TWO PHASES; 2) NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT; AND 3) SOVIET AND U.S. REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II.

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3. RE FIXED PERIOD OF TIME, AHG RAISED TWO QUESTIONS:

APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG IT SHOULD BE, AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE MEASURED FROM SIGNATURE OR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF PHASE I AGREEMENT. SECTION II, C-M(74)30 (REVISED), REF C, THE NAC

GUIDANCE OF MAY 14, ANSWERED FIRST QUESTION SATISFACTORILY FROM U.S. VIEWPOINT AT THAT TIME. AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT WAS DIFFICULT, IN VIEW OF STRONGLY HELD VIEWS BY SOME COUNTRIES THAT BEGINNING OF PHASE II SHOULD BE TIED TO PROGRESS IN PHASE I WITHDRAWALS. MISSION TENDS TO DOUBT ALLIES WOULD AGREE TO SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PRECISE LANGUAGE IN RESPONSE TO FIRST AHG QUESTION ON FIXED PERIOD OF TIME. SECTION II OF NAC GUIDANCE ANSWERED

SECOND AHG QUESTION ON FIXED PERIOD AS U.S. WANTED IT ANSWERED FROM THE BEGINNING, I.E. INTERVAL MEASURED FROM SIGNATURE OF PHASE I AGREEMENT. IT WAS FRG WHO WANTED INTERNAL MEASURED FROM ENTRY INTO FORCE OF PHASE I AGREEMENT.

4. RE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT, AHG ASKED IF EAST CAN BE TOLD DURATION OF THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE CO-TERMINOUS WITH REVIEW PERIOD. SECTION III OF NAC GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR LIMITED BUT UNSPECIFIED DURATION. INITIAL U.S. POSITION CALLED FOR FIVE YEAR DURATION, BUT U.S. MOVED TO FALL BACK POSITION OF LIMITED BUT UNSPECIFIED DURATION IN VIEW OF U.S. ISOLATION ON FIVE YEAR DURATION, AND IN VIEW OF STRONG BELGIAN, CANADIAN AND ITALIAN POSITIONS THAT FIVE YEARS WAS TOO LONG. HOWEVER, UK RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR FIVE YEAR DURATION (REF D), INCREASING CHANCES OF EVENTUAL SPC ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DURATION.

5. RE SOVIET AND U.S. REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II, STATE 110820 CONSIDERED AS PREMATURE EITHER A U.S. DECISION THAT THE U.S. WOULD REDUCE IN PHASE II, OR A DISCUSSION IN VIENNA ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN PHASE II.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CURENT WASHINGTON VIEWS ON LINKAGE QUESTIONS RAISED BY AHG.RUMSFELD

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